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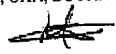
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the September 12, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due three months from the mailing date thereof. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.